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HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1893.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,200,000.  
RESERVE LIABILITY OR PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.—

O. J. HOLLOWAY, Esq.—Chairman.

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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 "

" 12 " 5 "

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 1, 1894.

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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1863.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID UP.....\$200,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....\$200,000.

RESERVE FUND.....\$275,000.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 5 1/2 %

" 6 " 4 "

" 12 " 3 "

A. C. MARSHALL,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894.

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THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

SUBSCRIBED.....£1,126,000.

Bankers: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 Months.....5 1/2 %

For 6 Months.....5 %

For 3 Months.....3 1/2 %

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893.

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Directors:

D. GILLIES, Esq. H. STOVERFORT, Esq.

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KWAN HOK CHUN, Esq.

Chief Manager: GEO. W. F. PLATTAIL.

Branches: LONDON, YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI AND AMY.

Bankers: THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, PARK'S BANKING CO., AND THE ALLIANCE BANK (LTD.).

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 Months.....5 1/2 %

For 6 Months.....5 %

For 3 Months.....3 1/2 %

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager.

Hongkong, May 24, 1893.

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## Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS,  
No. 40 (SPECIAL).

CHINA SEA.

CHEFOO DISTRICT.

N.E. Shantung Promontory Light-  
house: Fog Signal Disabled.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kow-  
Shien at the NORTH-EAST SHANTUNG  
PROMONTORY LIGHTHOUSE is disabled  
and that until it can again be operated the  
former Fog-signal of the station will be  
used, namely:

Two guns fired with an interval of  
one minute between them, the  
Kappers hearing a bell for horn, steam-  
whistle or any other sound during foggy  
or thick weather which shall indicate  
the position of a vessel—the firing to  
be repeated after an interval of 10  
minutes if the vessel's signal, showing  
that she is under way, continues to be  
heard.

A. M. BISBEE,  
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,  
Coast Inspector's Office,  
Shanghai, 11th May, 1894.

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THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING  
COMPANY, LIMITED  
(IN LIQUIDATION).  
THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MIN-  
ING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that ALL  
UNCOLLAPED SHARES in the New  
Company have been disposed of by me,  
and those SHAREHOLDERS in the Old  
Company, who would have been entitled to  
the same, are now requested to apply to me  
for their Proportion of the Net Proceeds  
arising from such Sale.

CARL GEORG,  
Liquidator,  
BALMORAL GOLD MINING CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, May 8, 1894.

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NOTICE.

THE GAP BUFFET' at the TRAMWAY  
UPPER TERMINUS will Open on  
MONDAY NEXT, the 14th Instant.

KATHERINE JUNGBLUTH.

Hongkong, May 12, 1894.

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## To-day's Advertisements.



VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

THE MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY fixed for TUESDAY EVENING, the 18th Instant, is POSTPONED till FURTHER NOTICE.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 879

## ARMY CONTRACTS.

TENDERS will be Received at the Undermentioned Office, until 12 o'clock Noon, on MONDAY, the 28th day of May, 1894, for

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES, including BEEF, MUTTON, FLOUR, POTATOES, FLOUR, MILK, POWDER, EGGS, WINES and SPIRITS, &c., &c., during a PERIOD of ONE YEAR and NINE MONTHS, commencing on 1st JULY, 1894.

Forms of Tenders, Conditions of Contract, and any further Particulars may be obtained on application at this Office, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock, and no Tender will be entertained unless made upon the Form so obtained.

The Secretary of State for War does not bind himself to accept the Lowest or any Tender.

HEAD QUARTER OFFICE B, Hongkong, 16th May, 1894. 870

## THEATRE ROYAL.

MES. POTTER & Mr. BELLEW, Supported by Their Own LONDON COMPANY.

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), 18th May.

D. GARRICK

Violet Graham, Mrs. POTTER, David Garrick, Mrs. BELLEW.

Prices as usual. Commencing at 9 o'clock. Box Office of Messrs. KELLY & WAHL, Ltd. Late Trains Each Evening.

M. GARRICK

Prices as usual. Commencing at 9 o'clock. Box Office of Messrs. KELLY & WAHL, Ltd. Late Trains Each Evening.

SATURDAY, 19th May.

A SMOKING CONCERT will be given by Mrs. POTTER and Mr. BELLEW in the THEATRE ROYAL, City Hall, on SATURDAY NEXT, 19th Instant, at 9.15 p.m. precisely. The Committee of the Hongkong Smoking Concert Club have kindly undertaken the direction of the Concert and have promised the assistance of some of their members.

Tickets of admission can be had from the Hon. SECRETARY of the above Club or from Messrs. KELLY & WAHL, Ltd.

Price, \$2.00.

Commencing at 9.15 p.m. precisely.

T. V. TWINNING, Manager.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 878

## PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

A LARGE QUANTITY OF MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY AT THE SALE ROOMS, 17, PRAYA CENTRAL, ON

SATURDAY NEXT, the 19th May, 1894, at 2.30 p.m. On view from Friday. See EXPENSES.

A. E. SKELLS &amp; Co., Auctioneers, &amp;c.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 877

## HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, 19th MAY, 1894, AT 2.45 P.M.

COMPETITION—SPOONS. Ranges 200 and 600 yards. Shots—7 at each distance. Entrance Fee, 30 Cents.

There will be Spoons for the highest net and aggregate scores, and if sufficient entries, Range Spoons as well.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 880

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM-FOR SAIKON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX:

ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th May, 1894, at Noon, the Company's S.S. NATAL, Commandant VERNON, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted.

NOT

RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

NEITHER THE CAPTAIN, THE AGENTS, NOR OWNERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DEBT CONTRACTED BY THE OFFICERS OR CREW OF THE FOLLOWING VESSELS, DURING THEIR STAY IN HONGKONG HARBOUR:

Le SORP, American ship, Capt. Chas. S. Kendall, Boston Brokerage &amp; Co.

St. MARK, American ship, Captain A. E. Work, Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 16—

FOLK, British steamer, 500, W. Davis, Tarsus May 14, and Amoy 15, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

SICK, British steamer, 1,786, J. Bowley, Moi May 12, Coal—Dowdall, Carrill &amp; Co.

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IMAN, Norwegian barque, 877, L. Olsen, S. K. Kendall, New York January 14, Kerosene—REUZEL BROCKELMAN &amp; CO.

MONGKOK, British steamer, 389, Charles St. John May 10, Rice and General—YUEN FAT HONG.

TAI YUK, German ship, 902, R. Schuldt, Chefoo May 11, Beans and Oil—MEYER &amp; CO.

DIONE, British steamer, 1,439, Wilkinson, Liverpool and Singapore May 11, General—BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 871

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Co.'s Steamship

Ulysses, Captain LARAGE, will be dispatched as above on

TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE.

Agents.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 872

## To-day's Advertisements.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

I HAVE RESUMED the CHARGE of the Company's AGENCY in Hongkong. G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 881

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship Ulysses, Captain DAVIS, will be dispatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 18th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 876

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship Ulysses, Captain HARRIS, will be dispatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 20th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 874

## GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Co.'s Steamship Glen Line, Captain MURRAY, will be dispatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd Inst., at 4 p.m., and not as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 812

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE

The Co.'s Steamship Tsim, Captain G. RAMSAY, Commander, will be dispatched, as above on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant, at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engine. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

Tickets of admission can be had from the Hon. SECRETARY of the above Club or from Messrs. KELLY &amp; WAHL, Ltd.

Price, \$2.00.

Commencing at 9.15 p.m. precisely.

T. V. TWINNING, Manager.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 875

## DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &amp; COMPANY, LTD.

DAKIN'S SALINE.

A Pleasant and safe Apartment. Useful for sun sickness, biliousness, slight eruptions on the skin, headache, &c. One or two doses often ward off an attack of fever. 70 Cents per bottle.

DAKIN'S EUCALYPTUS OIL.

At the change of the seasons people often leave their heavier clothes too soon and catch cold in the head.

DAKIN'S EUCALYPTUS OIL sprinkled on the handkerchief will relieve it like MAGIC. Per bottle, 50 Cents and One Dollar.

DAKIN'S QUININE AND IRON TONIC gives health, strength and energy. Invaluable in TIRED and LAGUARD FEELING. Per bottle, 50 Cents and One Dollar.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &amp; CO., LIMITED, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

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## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Prussia (8)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	May 26, at 3 p.m.
Hamburg and London	Volks (6)	Ambrosius Koch & Co.	About May 19.
Japan	Voron (8)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	May 24, at daylight.
London & Ports of Call	Rosita (8)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 21, at 4 p.m.
London & Marseilles	Glengary (8)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About June 15.
London & Suez Canal	Clydes (8)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About May 29, daylight.
London	Malacea (8)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About May 24.
Manila	Emarosa (8)	Shaw & Co.	May 19, at 4 p.m.
Manila, via Acroy	Emarosa (8)	Shaw & Co.	May 20, at noon.
Marsilles, via Salou, Natal (8)	Glenarm (8)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 23, at 4 p.m.
New York, via Suez Canal	Glenarm (8)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York	Edward May (8)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Quick despatch.
London	Adam (8)	Shaw & Co.	May 26, at 3 p.m.
Port Daguin, &c.	Taiwan (8)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	May 24, at 1 p.m.
S. Francisco	Japan (8)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	June 2, at 1 p.m.
S. Francisco	Japan (8)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Lyons (8)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	May 19, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Min (8)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About May 24.
S. P. (China)	Fokian (8)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	May 22, at noon.
S. P. (China)	Fokian (8)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	May 23, at noon.
S. P. (China)	Silk (8)	Nor. Ph. S. & R. Cos.	May 29, at noon.

## DEPARTURES.

May 17—

A telegram from Peking, published by the *Chinese Mail* (*Wai Ta Yai Po*), it is stated that an Imperial Edict has been issued announcing the degradation of Tsui Kwo Yui, the former Chinese Minister to the United States, Spain, and Peru, from the post of 'Tsui Shu Tze'—Senior Deputy Supervisor of Instruction—*to that of the 'Chang Wan'*—under-secretaryship of the Hanlin College—*as well as the deprivation of the red button*, of second rank, with which he had been honored by the Emperor on the occasion of his being accredited to the Courts of the United States, Spain and Peru. It appears that the issue of this Edict has been the result of Yui's incompetence in the discharge of his duties of 'Tsui Shu Tze' as well as of his failure in passing the recent special examination for promotion amongst the members of the Hanlin College. This special examination, it should be noted, was instituted at the instance of the Board of Censors with a view to classify the members of the Hanlin College and to investigate their special conduct likewise for the purpose of recommending promotion. Consequently the persons examined have, after due examination, been divided into three classes. Those of the first two classes have either got their promotion or appropriate Imperial rewards of silk pieces—but Tsui Kwo Yui, who stands first in the third class, has lost his red button, and has suffered the above-mentioned degradation in his official rank.

We learn from the *Foochow Echo* that the Ningpo merchants, with a view to protect their junks from piratical attacks, have come into a convention with the authorities to place four vessels armed as war junks for that purpose. The authorities agree to pay the salaries and mess expenses of the crews of these gun-boats, while the merchants furnish other necessities.

## REVIEW.

*The Life of Sir Harry Parkes, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., sometime Her Majesty's Minister to China and Japan.* In two volumes. Vol. I. Consul in China. By Stanley Lane-Poole. With a portrait and maps. Vol. II. Minister Plenipotentiary to Japan, by F. V. Dickens; to China, by S. Lane-Poole. With a map. London, Macmillan and Co. and New York. 1894.

Inverting a well-known dictum of Carlyle's, we venture to say that there is no first-class biography in the world but is at bottom, a heroic poem; be it written in verse or prose. At any rate, after a perusal of the work under review, it seems but natural that the life of a unique man like Sir Harry Parkes, who not only possessed all the shining qualities of an epic hero but actually did more than any other man in the world to broaden the foundations of a rational basis of the relations now subsisting between Europe and China and to make the name of England great in Japan, should turn under the hands of an expert and accomplished biographer like Mr. Stanley Lane-Poole into an exalted heroic epic. We would not exactly call Sir Harry Parkes the 'Orlando Furioso' of China, or altogether bring the life-long battle he fought to rescue the commerce of the East from Mandarin thralldom into direct comparison with 'Jerusalem Delivered,' whilst we unhesitatingly place this record of British military enterprise and diplomatic pluck on an equality with the feats of conquest immortalized in the 'Lusitania.' But we deliberately assert that neither had Ariosto nor Tasso nor Cæsar any greater or nobler theme to deal with, nor did these great poets, with all the added charms of measured heroic verse, exercise more fascinating, elevating or purifying influence upon their readers than Mr. S. Lane-Poole does, telling in his honest but nervous English prose, or rather letting his hero tell, in his journal, letters or dispatches, the true story of a truly great man's life.

Thanks to the literary tact and self-restraint of the editor, who strictly keeps within those undefinable but all important limits which separate biography from history, the work before us is a real artist's study in biographic portraiture, with just sufficient background of historic outlines to make the personal character of the hero, in all its grand features, stand out in luminous and bold relief. There is much psychologic discernment in the skill with which the editor enables the reader to see, as before his very eyes, the little rose-bud of a boy, who leaves England with a full-fledged education, gradually unfold, under the educative influences of life and study in the council chambers of nations, in the company of plenipotentiaries, admirals, and military strategists, and amid the smoke of battle-fields, into a successful interpreter, consul and administrator, till at last he becomes a full-blown diplomat whom the wickedest and boldest Chinese statesmen dreaded more than 'the black plague,' whilst in his heart and pure unspoiled life he preserved the living faith of a true Christian. Tutored by sages like Morrison and Gutzlaff, young Parkes, scarcely fourteen years old, was present at the negotiations and signing of the Nanking treaty, and received there, under the fatherly care of Sir H. Pottinger (then in the heyday of his diplomatic success), and whilst sitting on the knees of that wily old statesman, Kien-yi, who fondled the little English boy whilst in his heart he cursed England and all Englishmen, his first initiation into the intricacies and mysteries of Chinese diplomacy. Shortly afterwards, a tutored and Conqueror interpreter when just sixteen years of age, successfully dealt with Chinese mandarins and governors, he achieved the first great victory of his life, when under the investigation and reducing influence of General Butterfield and Mrs. Alcock, he conquered all the temptations of this fierce and fiery life of the East, by the determination which he then recorded in his journal, and stuck to through life, to battle against

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Lord Elgin, Lord Palmerston, Sir Rutherford Alcock, Sir Thomas Wade, and in fact all his contemporaries who had a hand in the management of affairs during that stirring period with which Sir Harry Parkes' name is associated, have testified to the fact that, under the most trying of circumstances, he was always found equal to the situation, through his great tact and great zeal—and thanks to his untiring energy, painstaking attention to details and intimate knowledge of China and the Chinese.

Sir Harry Parkes had exceptional opportunity to become acquainted with the typical character of the literati and government classes of China. He was a keen observer, a shrewd judge of character, and possessed that wonderful intuition which enables a man in each case to discern at once the weak spot in his opponent's armour. Now, thrown into constant contact with literati and mandarins, Sir Harry Parkes was, and that during the lively period from 1842 to 1865, and again from 1883 to 1892, it is well worth inquiring what, in his experience, are the leading characteristics of the governing classes of China. Their unvarying attitude he describes as one of arrogant superiority and exclusiveness, double-dealing and obduracy. Their fixed policy, he writes, is to degrade British officials in the eyes of the people by petty affronts because by doing what they believe are degrading to the whole race of barbarians, and that they invariably pursue a course of insult and contumely toward all foreigners. The conduct of this policy Sir Harry Parkes found in an invincible recognition of which both the rulers and the ruled, in China are possessed, that is to say, the existence of any other sovereign on earth but the Son of Heaven. 'The world is my orange' is at bottom the political faith of every Chinese. And this theory is most powerfully upheld by the literati of China who, Sir Harry Parkes describes as that high-born body of pedantic literati, the grim of an irrational examination mill, who represent alike chivalry and bureaucracy in China. He further says of them that 'they are convinced that every detail of policy and conduct was settled for over some twenty-four centuries ago, and that they alone possess the true and infallible code.' In this belief, Sir Harry Parkes opines, the literati, mandarins or civil servants of China offer an impregnable front to Western ideas.

If Sir Harry Parkes is correct in the foregoing estimate he formed of the true character of the governing classes of China, it is evident that no conciliatory dealing with them can avail anything. The tendencies of the Chinese mind are irreconcilable with the principles and procedure of European civilization. Europe has never yet gained a concession from the Chinese on any point whatsoever except by pressure. Sir Harry Parkes says his biographer, 'I now find that to get your way with them you must assert yourself; to obtain what you want demand them confidently; and to win their respect you must associate them with your importance.' Sir Harry Parkes knew how peculiarly tenacious all Chinese are of precedent and how observant they are of the minutiae of etiquette, and by using the weapons of precept and etiquette he gained—many of his battles, but even in those respects he found, again and again, that 'all mandarins are like leeks.' Truth has no value in their eyes. Moral right or wrong is only a convenient subterfuge with them. Resolute power is the only argument they respect. In every case the experience of Sir Harry Parkes was that 'the least hesitation or timidity would infallibly damage British influence and endanger our interests with the people.'

It is easy to decry such a drastic attitude, or gunboat-policy, as it has been styled, as the harsh application of brute force. But let the opponents of this policy show that any other line of action or argument has ever made any impression on the Chinese. Sir Henry Pottinger beat every Chinese diplomatist hollow as long as he followed the bold and resolute policy of simply demanding what he claimed, but the moment he commenced to ask by means of arguments and entered into a lawyer's case he was completely foiled. Lord Elgin tried the conciliatory line of play in North China and in Canton and in Foochow, but, with disastrous results, until—last at last—that Chinese mandarins are absolutely inaccessible to other argument but that of force. But Lord Elgin further found, to his cost, that a point gained in China by force must be maintained by force, or, as Sir Harry Parkes put it, 'in China, occupation is the law of the land.'

It must not be supposed, however, that it was Sir Harry Parkes' policy to use harshness or intimidation, or in any way to ride rough-shod over the Chinese. That which is really meant by the term 'gunboat policy' was never the policy of Sir Harry Parkes, nor, for that matter, of the Nanking treaty, and received there, under the fatherly care of Sir H. Pottinger (then in the heyday of his diplomatic success), and whilst sitting on the knees of that wily old statesman, Kien-yi, who fondled the little English boy whilst in his heart he cursed England and all Englishmen, his first initiation into the intricacies and mysteries of Chinese diplomacy.

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## CATTLE DISEASE IN AMERICA.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, May 16, 1894.

Sir.—In a recent report on the renewed outbreak at Pukuluan Dairy Farm, I noticed

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At the time I read this, I thought Mr Ladds had been misinformed.

I had recollections of several outbreaks of

pleuro-pneumonia among Canadian cattle,

but had not the data at hand to contradict Mr Ladds' veterinary friends.

However, I received a newspaper

dated April 7 in which a report is given of a

meeting of Scottish agriculturists to ap-

point a committee to approach Sir G.

Gordon, Minister for Agriculture, with a view to get

the restrictions on the importation of Cana-

dian cattle removed.

I am what Mr Ladds

would term a 'more layman,' but I think

he would term me a 'less layman.'

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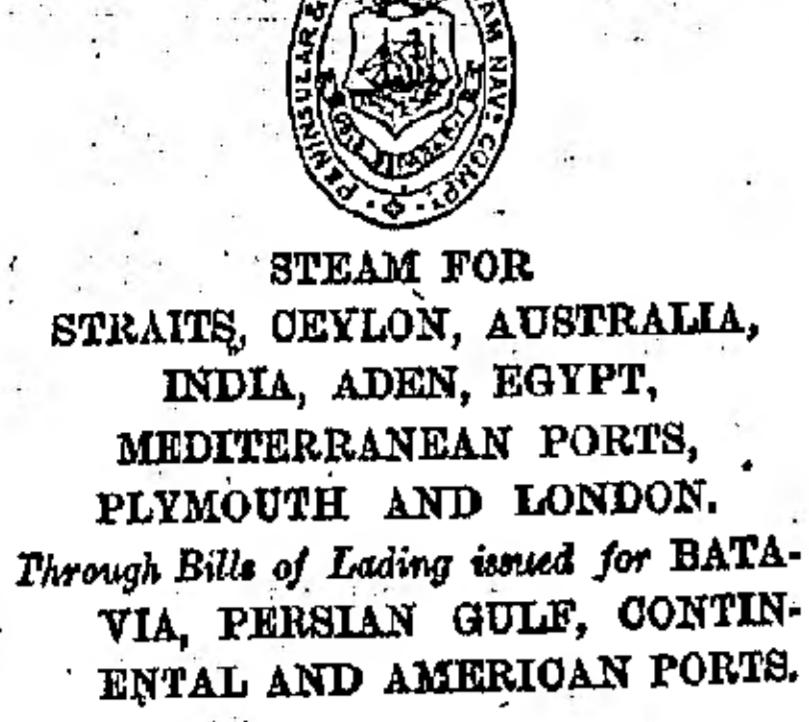
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